

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) Apparatus for bundling conductors, comprising:

(a) a cable tie having a head and a strap extending from the head to a strap free end; and

(b) a cable encircling member having a width exceeding a width of said cable tie strap and flat throughout a full length thereof,

said cable tie being assembled with said cable encircling member and forming said cable encircling member from such flat condition into a spiral coil interiorly of said cable tie and encircling said conductors.

2. (original) The apparatus claimed in claim 1, wherein said cable encircling member defines an aperture extending between first and second outer surfaces of said cable encircling member, said cable tie strap being resident in said aperture.

3. (original) The apparatus claimed in claim 2, wherein said cable tie strap encircles said second outer surface of said cable encircling member and wherein said first outer surface is in engagement with said conductors.

4. (original) The apparatus claimed in claim 1, wherein said cable encircling member defines a passage extending along a first outer surface of said cable encircling member, said cable tie strap being resident in said passage.

5. (original) The apparatus claimed in claim 4, wherein said cable tie strap encircles said first outer surface of said cable encircling member and wherein a second outer surface of said cable encircling member is in engagement with said conductors.

6. (currently amended) A method for bundling conductors, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a cable tie having a head and a strap extending from the head to a strap free end;

(b) providing a cable encircling member having a width exceeding a width of said cable tie strap and in flattened state throughout a full length thereof;

(c) assembling said cable tie and said cable encircling member such that said cable tie strap overlies a first outer surface of said cable encircling member; and

(d) forming said cable encircling member from such flattened state into a spiral coil interiorly of said cable tie and encircling said conductors.

7. (original) The method claimed in claim 6, wherein said step (c) is practiced by providing an aperture extending between said first and a second surface of said cable encircling member and inserting said strap free end into said aperture.

8. (original) The method claimed in claim 6, wherein said step (c) is practiced by providing a passage extending along one of said first and a second surface of said cable encircling member and inserting said strap free end into said passage.